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REF: (A) STATE 154149; (B) VIENNA 573, (C) MONTREAL 216

1. ECONCOUNS CALLED ON DR. ERICH NETTEL, CHIEF OF INT'L LAW
SECTION OF FONOFF, AUG 9 AND DELIVERED AIDE MEMOIRE AND PRECIS
OF US POSITION AS CONTAINED REF A. DR. FRANZ CEDE OF FONOFF
WAS ALSO PRESENT FOR DISCUSSION.

2. NETTEL SAID AUSTRIANS WILL GO TO ROME MEETINGS TO SUPPORT
MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS POSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH HIJACKING AND
SABOTAGE BUT WILL BE COMPLETELY FLEXIBLE AND PRAGMATIC IN THEIR
APPROACH. THEY HAVE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO APPROACH OUT-
LINED IN AIDE MEMOIRE AND WILL SUPPORT AN INDEPENDENT CON-
VENTION IF THIS PROVES FEASIBLE. THEY WILL ALSO BE PREPARED,
HOWEVER, TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO CHICAGO CON-
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VENTION ON THEIR MERITS. NETTEL DID NOT THINK SOVIET PROP-

OSAL IN ITS PRESENT FORM HAS ANY CHANCE IN ROME.

3. NETTEL REPEATED EARLIER ASSERTION (REF B) THAT AUSTRIANS WOULD PREFER FIRM AND EFFECTIVE SANCTIONS, PROVIDED THEY NOT INVOKED AGAINST NON-CONTRACTING STATES. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE SEES NO HOPE THAT SUCH SANCTIONS COULD BE INCLUDED IN ANY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT.

4. NETTEL INDICATED FRENCH EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY APPROACHED FONOFF WITH PAPER STRONGLY URGING ITS POSITION FAVORING AMENDMENTS TO CHICAGO CONVENTION. HE ALSO INDICATED CANADIANS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH AUSTRIANS AND THAT CANADIAN POSITION APPEARS SIMILAR TO THAT OF US.

5. AUSTRIAN DELEGATION TO ROME MEETINGS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: MINISTERIALRAT DR. ROBERT LINKE, MIN JUSTICE, HEAD OF DELEGATION; REGIERUNGSRAT DR. KLAUS BERCHTOLD, FEDERAL CHANCELLERY, CONSTITUTIONAL SERVICE; ATTACHE DR. FRANZ CEDE, FONOFF; SEKTIONSRAT JOHANNES REIGER, MIN INTERIOR; AND DR. ROLF NEIDHART, MIN TRANSPORT.

6. NETTEL REITERATED THAT GOA VIEWS TERRORISM WITH DEEP CONCERN. PROBLEM WAS BROUGHT HOME TO AUSTRIANS BY LATEST TERRORIST ATTACK AT ATHENS AIRPORT, IN WHICH AUSTRIAN CITIZEN WAS KILLED. DEPT WILL RECALL THAT AUSTRIAN DELEGATE AT JAN MONTREAL MEETING OF ICAO LEGAL COMMITTEE, DR. CEDE, WAS EXTREMELY HELPFUL (REF C). EMBASSY SUGGESTS USDEL KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH CEDE IN ROME. WE HAVE IMPRESSION AUSTRIAN DELEGATION COULD PROVE VERY USEFUL. HUMES

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